



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Wildlife Division
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following items. Supporting information on this item can be found on our website under "Opportunity for Public Comment" at fwp.mt.gov/hunting/ and or directly by using the links below.

2016 Early Season Migratory Birds – Proposed

Montana's migratory bird hunting seasons must be set within federal frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Early-season migratory bird seasons include those for mourning dove, common snipe and sandhill crane. Other than normal calendar rotation, FWP proposes no changes to early-season migratory bird hunting seasons. The public comment period will run until 5 p.m. March 18, with final action by the Fish & Wildlife Commission at their April 14 meeting.

2016 Late Season Waterfowl Seasons/Closures – Proposed

Montana's migratory bird hunting seasons must be set within federal frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Late-season migratory bird seasons include those for ducks, geese, swans and coots in both the Central and Pacific flyways in Montana. Other than normal calendar rotation, FWP proposes no changes to late-season migratory bird hunting seasons. The public comment period will run until 5 p.m. March 18, with final action by the Fish & Wildlife Commission at their April 14 meeting.

TO MAKE A COMMENT

For further clarification or additional materials, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or email at fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted: online by using any of the links below; in writing sent to the address above; and by email to fwpwld@mt.gov.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE & FINAL ADOPTION MEETING

All proposed items will be accepting public comments until March 18th at 5 p.m. with final adoption at the April Commission meeting.

✓ **2016 Early Season Migratory Birds – Proposed**

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2016/earlySeasonMigratoryBirds.html>

✓ **2016 Late Season Waterfowl Seasons/Closures – Proposed**

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2016/lateSeasonWaterfowl.html>